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FORMER MIDLAND BANKER PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Dan Garlington, 46, pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement. As a result of his guilty plea, Garlington faces up to thirty (30) years in federal prison and a maximum \$1,000,000 fine.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt this morning, the former loan officer for First American Bank admitted that between December of 2001 and October of 2003, he received bank fees from bank customers that had received loans from First American Bank and used those fees to pay his personal debt. According to court documents, the FBI estimates Garlington embezzled \$233,354 during that time period.

Garlington is free on a \$10,000 bond pending sentencing. No sentencing date has been scheduled.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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